

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-19

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE A SALES AND USE TAX FOR AFFORDABLE AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1406 (CHAPTER 338, LAWS OF 2019), AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, in the 2019 Regular Session, the Washington State Legislature approved, and the Governor signed, Substitute House Bill 1406 (Chapter 338, Laws of 2019) (“SHB 1406”); and

WHEREAS, SHB 1406 authorizes the governing body of a city or county to impose a local sales and use tax for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, for cities of 100,000 or less; or, if eligible, for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

WHEREAS, the tax will be credited against state sales taxes collected within the City of Lakewood, and, therefore, will not result in higher sales and use taxes within the City of Lakewood and will represent an additional source of funding to address housing needs in the City; and

WHEREAS, the tax must be used to assist persons whose income is at or below sixty percent of the City of Lakewood median income; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lakewood has a 2017 median family income of \$58,266, a median nonfamily income of \$29,380, a median household income of \$47,636, and a 19.3% poverty rate; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood has a need for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing or facilities providing supportive housing, and for the operations and maintenance costs of affordable or supportive housing, and for providing rental assistance to tenants; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood has determined that imposing the sales and use tax to address this need will benefit its citizens; and

WHEREAS, in order for a city or county to impose the tax, within six months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or January 28, 2020, the governing body must adopt a resolution of intent to

authorize the maximum capacity of the tax, and within twelve months of the effective date of SHB 1406, or July 28, 2020, must adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the tax; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes the resolution of intent required by SHB 1406; and

WHEREAS, the Lakewood City Council now desires to declare its intent to impose a local sales and use tax as authorized by SHB 1406 as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAKEWOOD CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. Resolution of Intent. The Lakewood City Council declares its intent to adopt legislation to authorize the maximum capacity of the sales and use tax authorized by SHB 1406 within one year of the effective date of SHB 1406, or by July 28, 2020.

Section 2. Further Authority; Ratification. All City of Lakewood officials, their agents, and representatives are hereby authorized and directed to undertake all action necessary or desirable from time to time to carry out the terms of, and complete the actions contemplated by, this Resolution. All acts taken pursuant to the authority of this Resolution but prior to its effective date are hereby ratified.


Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage by the City Council.

ADOPTED by the Lakewood City Council in open meeting this 3rd day of September, 2019.

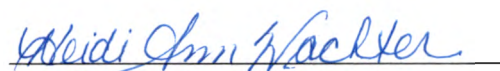
CITY OF LAKEWOOD


Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:


Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney